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LETTER DATED 20 MARCH 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, on 13 March 1993, six Iranian military aircraft raided a hospital in the Raniyah district of northern Iraq, killing and injuring a number of civilian in-patients at the hospital and causing extensive material damage to the hospital building.

Iraq has previously warned the Iranian side of the consequences of continuing its hostile and provocative acts and of the violation by its aircraft of Iraq's national airspace. It would like to refer in this connection to document S/24745, which contains a letter from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq concerning the violation of Iraqi airspace by an Iranian aircraft on 24 October 1992.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq vehemently protests against this hostile act, and it holds Iran fully responsible for engaging in such acts as are incompatible with the rules of international law and with the Charter of the United Nations and calls upon it to refrain therefrom in future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative